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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

To whom it may concern.

I believe this settlement is not in the public interest.

I believe this settlement does NOTHING to penalize Microsoft for what it has done to companies like Netscape and more importantly I believe that it does NOT prevent them from continuing to dominate and stifle the industry.

Resolving this litigation quickly is not the best way to get the economy going - in fact loosing the Microsoft grip on the industry is the best way to encourage the economy. Once they cannot harm companies more companies will survive and a flourishing fauna and flora will emerge - employing millions of people.

I am myself building a business and I believe it is only time before Microsoft stomps on me like they have done to countless companies - many of whom testified and many more who did not out of fear. They dominate this industry so thoroughly that they impede growth and stifle innovation. They are bad for this industry and they are bad for this country.

The trial has shown they are a monopoly, the trial showed they harmed Netscape - the action you are taking now MUST protect the industry from them, it MUST ensure they cannot do the same again, it must take steps to ensure a level playing field where they do not have an unfair advantage (being their monopoly). HAVING a monopoly is not illegal, but using it AS THEY HAVE BEEN FOUND TO DO is illegal.

Every court in the land (district up to supreme) has confirmed they did wrong. This settlement is such a poor attempt as redressing the situation, it cannot be considered valid. I do not support it. Having won in all the courts, now the government will lose in the settlement. The industry will continue to suffer and the US economy will suffer along with it. Innovation and growth cannot resume until this monopoly is stopped - and that's YOUR job.

This is an anonymous email because I don't believe my identity will be protected (see the recent incident with the litigation regarding 'Lindows' where Lindows.com was forced to provide the details of their customers and petitioners to Microsoft).

Sincerely,  
Mark.

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